GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Disposal of Garbage
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of garbage generated by the Railways each day;
(b) the mechanism in place for disposal of garbage by the Railways;
(c) whether any specific guidelines have been issued for disposal of garbage to parties outsourced under On-Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) and Clean Train Station (CTS) scheme;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government towards the mission of Swachh Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Garbage of various types are generated each day from Railway stations, trains, railway colonies and other establishments like Railway hospitals and Workshops. The information regarding quantum of garbage generated each day is maintained by the field units and is not readily available in a compiled form.
(b) Garbage generated at different points are collected together and disposed off to the places nominated by local bodies like Municipal Corporation/ Nagarpalika. Final disposal of garbage is done by local bodies like Municipal Corporation/ Nagarpalika.
(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Garbage collected from the running trains by the OBHS staff are handed over by them at the nominated stations for further disposal.
CTS staff also collect garbage from the trains at the CTS stations and deposit the same at the nominated places of the stations for further disposal.
(e) Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Special Cleanliness Campaign, 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission' was launched on Indian Railways. On completion of one year of Swachh Bharat Mission, theme based cleanliness drives have been launched by Indian Railways from 25th Sept, 2015 covering Railway stations, trains, railway colonies, railway hospitals, offices and other work places.
Joint campaigns for increasing the awareness on cleanliness through participation by all sections viz. Railway staff, Railway users, public as well as Charitable Institutions / Social Organisations, have been undertaken at many major stations. In order to control littering in railway areas, enforcement of penalties under Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012 has also been intensified.

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